



RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

11 March, 2021

The link to watch and listen to the meeting;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87556502567?pwd=eU1wUkwxRTVCZjBsNkxxdXBVUmpHUT09>

Members Present: Holly Kingston, Alanna Brickley, Sonia Arias, Victoria Sanchez, Melissa Monsivais.

Members Excused: Dale Smith.

Members Absent: None

Child Care Licensing Staff Present: Simon Bolivar, Donna Thomas, Melinda Young, Kim Rice, Sarah Atherton, Kat Martinez, Michele Evans Rice, Kim Bond, Alisha Griffin, Rosemary Vander Meyden, Sunny Ledding, Charlotte Woodward, Mindy Palmer, Jennifer Franchow, Lori Birrell, Jacqueline Macias.

Interested Parties and Guests: Genevieve Romero, Brady Johns, Crystal Knippers, Jodi McGill, Aurora Howell, Jamie Bitton, Jody Zabriskie, Karrie Phillips, Kellie Kohler, Keri Hamblin, Nayreth, Sarah Hansen, Tyler Morgan, Shauna Avila, Kara Eddington, Rhonda, Shawnell Haward, Bruce King.

WELCOME

At 9:05 a.m., Holly Kingston welcomed everyone and started the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January meeting were approved via email.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

There is a vacant position for a pediatrician and a parent.

NEW BUSINESS

Current COVID-19 emergency procedures status report (Simon Bolivar)

- We are currently on Phase 4 Temporary Emergency Conditions. These conditions will be in place until further notice by the Utah Department of Health. However, every provider must follow and obey their local laws.
- Phase 4 Temporary Emergency Conditions will be removed on April 10th. Questions and comments were answered and discussed.
- Free COVID-19 testing and vaccinations are available for all child care providers.
 - More information and links can be found on the CCL webpage childcarelicensing.utah.gov under "What's New?...And More".

ID verification during inspections (Simon Bolivar)

- By Federal regulations and Statute CCL has the authorization to increase the verification of background checks by asking to see a government-issued photo ID or a school-issued

photo ID in order to confirm the identity of each covered individual associated with the facility and every adult present during the inspection. All the providers will be notified of the effective date via email. Questions and comments were answered and discussed.

License Exempt presentation (Simon Bolivar & Donna Thomas)

- Simon went over the basics of child care licensing, the investigating of unlicensed facilities and illegal child care facilities. Questions were answered.
- Donna went over the license exempt facilities and explained that some of these facilities do have inspections and/or have to meet other requirements to be in compliance with CCL and/or other programs. Questions were answered.

Electronic signatures approved to comply with licensing (Simon Bolivar)

- CCL supports all providers using electronic signatures and other electronic needs to be in compliance.

Committee members comments and recommendations

- Sonia Arias asked if it was possible to have more training in Spanish. Simon Bolivar stated that CCL will provide more virtual trainings in Spanish and is currently working on translating all documents in Spanish.
 - Questions regarding translating documents, please contact Melinda Young at melindayoung@utah.gov.

Public Comment

- There was a question about if providers are required to wear masks if they have a medical exemption and what documentation they would need to provide if any in order to be in compliance. Simon explained that CCL will take the provider's word and will not request any type of proof.
- There was another question in regards to what can a licensed provider do if they know that another person is providing child care for more than four children without a license. Simon explained that a complaint can be submitted to CCL via telephone, email, or through the website childcarelicensing.utah.gov.

AGENCY REPORTS

Child Care Licensing – Simon Bolivar

- The bill H.B.365 (State Agency Realignment) will be combining the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health. Since the re-writing of rules and statute needs to be addressed, suggestions will be brought up to the committees in order for changes to be ready when the bill goes into effect next year.
- The bill S.B.211 (Child Care Background Check Modifications) is in the process to negotiate with the Public Safety and the FBI on assisting child care providers to avoid submitting and paying twice for fingerprints.
- There are other bills like S.B.214 (Official Language Amendments) which allows materials to be translated in other languages. CCL is now planning to translate the rules and other information in other languages.
- CCL is very grateful to the communities for their support during the legislative session and for their help to avoid the passing of some bills that would have had a negative impact in child care.

- The spread of COVID-19 is currently low in many Utah counties thanks to the proactiveness of child care providers.

Office of Child Care – Karrie Phillips

- Child Care Quality System – OCC is planning to reactivate this system and to include family child care, licensed child care, and also the centers that were involved before it was paused in 2020. Emails with further information will be sent out from CCQS and CAC.
- The new Care About Child Care website was launched on 03/08/2021.
- The Office of Child Care will receive about \$108 million from the Federal Government. OCC is still deciding where the money will be used.

ASSIGNMENTS

None

Holy Kingston ended the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

UPCOMING 2021 MEETINGS

May 13, July 8, September 9, November 18.

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., virtual meetings

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